

HOUSE BILL 2611
By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, relative to requiring the board of examiners in psychology to license as health service provider certain psychiatrists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-222, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) or any other law to the contrary, the board shall, on the basis of "equivalent training", designate as a health service provider, with practice limitation to the department of mental health and mental retardation, any person who has been or is hereafter hired as a psychiatrist at an institution in this state which has been found to have serious understaffing by the federal department of justice, so long as any such person:

(1) Is licensed, and continues to be licensed, as a psychologist in at least one (1) state;

(2) Has excellent academic and clinical training experience in the field of mental retardation, including administrative credentials;

(3) Has extensive clinical and supervision experience in the field of mental retardation which may include supervising doctoral psychology interns;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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